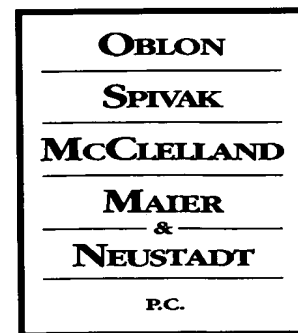


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Applicants: Brigitte BATHE, et al.
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Response to Restriction Requirement

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Responsive to the Restriction Requirement dated February 9, 2006, Applicants elect, with traverse, Group I: Claims 1-12, for further prosecution. Applicants also provisionally elect the species: dapA gene, for Claim 4, and the species: citE gene, for Claim 5. Claims 1-16 read on the elected species: dapA gene. Claims 1-16 read on the elected species: citE gene.

Remarks begin at page 2 of this paper.